



17 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of term I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas – I hope you have a safe and restorative holiday period.

I'd like to thank you again for your pragmatism and support as we attempt to manage an impossible set of competing demands this term, whilst doing our best to ensure our students get a meaningful onsite experience at college.

### **Coronavirus update**

Like everyone, my hope is that we get back to a full timetable as soon as we are able to and we will initiate a full-time return as soon as it is safe to do so. We imagine this is likely to be at some point after the February half-term – we will be watching weekly what is happening with any post-Christmas third wave, local virus rates and Tier restrictions, along with the vaccine roll out and mass testing.

You may have seen information on mass testing in schools and colleges in the news recently and we are hoping that early in the new year we are able to introduce onsite tests for staff and students. More information will follow at the start of term.

### **Staying safe**

I sent this [video message](#) to students this week. It reminds them that this time of year is usually a period of partying and that this often comes hand in hand with increased risk-taking behaviour. Uniquely this year, it is the partying itself (outside of bubbles) that is criminalised under the Coronavirus restrictions - which we know must be very hard to continue to contend with – but we felt this message needed highlighting in order to help reduce virus transmission in January and beyond.

### **Wellbeing**

If you are interested, do view the recording of our December Wellbeing Webinar [Managing Emotion and Learning Through Daily Habits](#), in partnership with Andrew Wright from [Action Your Potential](#). Recordings of the series of shorter 30-minute wellbeing works webinars can also be viewed [here](#):

1. [Sleep and Exercise](#); 2. [Managing Emotions](#); 3. [Rock 11: Do Something You Love](#) and 4. [How Do I Get The Rocks In Every day](#).

### **Christmas concert**

Thank you to BHASVIC Music students and all staff who helped in recording the [Virtual Christmas Concert](#) – do watch it if you want to get into the festive spirit.

Wishing you all the very best for the holiday period and beyond as we head into 2021.

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